# The Messenger.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED CONFEDERATE

Georgia and the south have lost a faithful, heroic and distinguished soldier in the death of Major General Lafayette McLaws. He died at Savannah on 23d inst. He was the oldest living soldier of his rank with but one exception. He was born in 1821 at Augusta, Ga. He first attended the University of Virginia, and thence went to West Point Military Academy, where he was graduated in 1842. He served in the Mexican war. In 1857, as captain of infantry he was in the expedition against the Mormons and Navajo Indians. He entered the Confederate service and early began to face perils for his native southland. An account says that as brigadier general his "services in the battle of Lee's Mill, his manoeuvres on the retreat to Richmond and at the battle of Williamsburg brought his advencement May 22, when he was made major general. At the battles of Savage Station and Malvern Hill he commanded divisions, and on the retreat of the federal army from the Virginia peninsula his division watched the operations at Harrison's Landing. His division was with the army of Northern Virginia in its march into Maryland.

He captured Harper's Ferry and Maryland Heights and rejoined the main army at Sharpsburg in time to restore the Confederate line. He was at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, ttysburg and Knoxville. He defeat-J General Sedgwick's assault at Yelem church, and was in the command ci Georgia and opposed Sherman's march through the state. General Johnston's surrender included his command, and after the war General Mc-Laws established himself in business in Augusta.

He was appointed collector of internal revenue in 1875 and collector of the port of Savannah in 1876."

He was a good soldier and has left a distinguished record. The soldiers of other states respected General Mc-Laws. You could count upon him in the critical hour. He was never too slow, and no battle was lost because of his dilatoriness, incapacity or unfaithfulness. But few soldiers of Georgia rendered such noble, distinguished services, and he deserves well of his na tive state and of the entire south. A monument to his memory should be reared at the capital city, Atlanta. We do not know a more gallant, a more trustworthy, a more capable soldier of his grade from Georgia. He and Gordon deserve the palm we would suppose, among the Georgia officers. We would not put Longstreet with them, for of all soldiers of high rank he was the slowest of the slow. Those who have studied Gettysburg know how much of the failure is to be laid at his door. General McLaws was thoroughly versed in the matter, and our recollection is, that he showed up Longstreet's blur ders and misstatements most effeetually. In Longstreet's book he prepetuates blunders enough to sink his credibility out of sight. By the way. it is said that his book was written by a Yankee officer, the Georgian furnishing the material. His book is credited no where but in the north. They like it because it abounds in dispraise of southern soldiers. Longstreet blundered 'n war and he blunders in peace You may put it down that when Confed ate soldiers sought and obtained places of profit within a few years after the war that there was a lack of moral stumine and patriotic backbone in them -that after all there was not the sort of material out of which are fashicned men of heroic mold with great souls.

### EXPERTS ON THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

There is one question of such genuine interest that a recurrence to i needs no apology. It is a question that should be continually discussed until it is made plain to all understandings and the dangers are thoroughly exposed. We refer to the deadly cigarette. A lady recently told us of the death of a lad of some fourteen in a North Carolina town. The doctors said he was killed by cigarette smoking. We knew parents long and well. Every week some case is reported in which the cigarette gets in its deadly work. It is a very much more dangerous habit than smoking a pipe or cigar. It is far worse than chewing. In Johnson's "Chemistry of Common Life," he says the use of tobacco is not injurious to all persons. Nervous people should avoid tobacco in all forms. We have known scores of old men-from 70 to 90 or more, who used tobacco habitually. We knew an old man in Halifax county, who was 94 years old and was chewing tobacco. He told us he had been chewing since he was 14 quite 80

years, and he used it habitually. He

was a small man and at 94 in good

health, having walked the day we met

him two miles in a sandy road to

church. Tobacco, either smoked on

chewed, does not kill many, we sup-

pose. Some men have developed the

"tobacco heart," but ninety men in one

hundred are probably not much injured

by its use. Tobacco is used by mil-

lions of people and has been through

the decades, and not many compara-

tively have been destroyed by it. But the cigarette is quite "a horse of another color." The cigarette has a potentiality for killing not given to the fever this year.

weed in any other form, Men of science have pointed out its bad effects, and why it gets in so quickly and so surely its deadly work. A writer in the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle of the 22nd instant has a long article on the "Cigarette Habit." He seems to be well posted as to its effects. We will quote some of his statements:

"If they were purged from deleterious substances very little would be left but the wrapping paper. Cigarette smoking is more terrible in its effects on young boys than alcoholic drinks. The whole nervous system is ruined through this poisonous habit. Some have been made deaf by their use. In others there is undue twitching of the eyelids, a weakening of the nerves of the tongue, arms, limbs, etc. Some lose their memory, are stupid mentally. There has been cases where others have been sent to reformatories and asylums. Tobacco heart is the name applied by physicians to the deadly disease produced by excessive use of cigarettes. It is impossible for those a sudden joit, wakens us to a thankful who smoke cigarettes to be healthy. spirit. Our blessings are so much more Mentally they are less keen and receptive, less refined, they lack power, have feeble digestion, often have weak eyes, pallor of face and general inability to resist disease of any kind. An analysis of tobacco used for cigarettes was found to be strongly impregnated with opium, while the wrapper which was warranted to be rice paper was proven to be ordinary quality of paper whitened with arsenic, the two poisons combined being present in sufficient quantities to create in the smoker a habit years the land has been set to the tune of using opium without his being aware of "Naomi." There has been here and of it and which craving can only be satisfied-by an incessant consumption of cigarettes.

This is not a singular statement by any means. The opinions of chemists and doctors have been often published and on the very line of the above. The cigarette is a poison, and a deadly one. Its victims are counted in this country by the thousands yearly. Not less than 200 boys are sent annually to and so we went into battle, expending the grave each year by this insiduous poison in North Carolina. The above writer says that "each manufacturer has his own formula of poisons which he adds to cheap tobacco so that each user of a particular brand soon finds himself wedded to it through the contraction of a drug/cial medicament, for the people as well habit, thus making him a steady customer. Each boy who smokes them may be regarded as a prospective drunkard, an opium slave or in danger of being a lunatic. No one can indulge in this pernicious habit without becoming in some way wrecked. I read of one brand called 'The Devil's Own.', If ever the arch flend excelled himself in wickedness it was when he tempted some soul to filthy lucre by sale of cigarettes, and if there is no other reason why their use should be avoided it is that even the lowest human should not want to be accused of serving his Satanic majesty."

There is a consensus of opinion among men of science who have given close attention to the tobacco habit as to the deleterious and dangerous those who have discussed it intelligently, forcibly, is Dr. Leslie E. Keeley. We make an extract from his pamphlet, and intelligent people should read and consider what is said:

"The inhalation of tobacco smoke is much more injurious than tobacco used in any other form, and when to this are added the fumes of opium, Indian hemp and other drugs the results are infinitey worse. It will readily be understood, arette smoking arises from the inhalation of carbon monoxide, which is extremely poisonous on account of its strong affinity for the hemagloblyin of adult the disturbance of the nerve functions is shown by more or less mental confusion, tremulousness, loss of vigor-mental as well as physicalby irregularities of the heart's action, and not infrequently by structural changes in that organ which result in the development of 'tobacco heart,' now so widely prevalent as a consequence of nicotine poisoning. The young cigarette smoker soon ac-

quires that pale, waxy color, that bloodless, sapless appearance, which brands him as a devotee, without energy, and generally retaining few of the moral impulses which should direct talk 50 men into despondency, while one ambition, patriotism or virtue, and he is easily led in the direction of moral and physical corruption. In time he applies to a physician; his heart pulsates irregularly, his pulse intermits, the action is feeble; and too late he realizes that he has become a physical wreck, with little hope of recovery."

A habit that breaks down the physical system and superinduces disease is a very bad habit, and should be at once abandoned. When it is so dangerous and sure to kill thousands who indulge in it, it ought to be banished from the land. Many writers say that habit. But you will find people in the churches all around the land almost cranks in their zeal against the liquor traffic that have nothing to say against cigarettes, and many really like their manufacture.

# SNAPS.

The news from France, England, and perhaps other countries, is that the new extreme tariff is regarded as strictly hostile to other countries and its whole system is that of commercial boycotting.

The most monstrous political dogma of this country and age is that it is wise statesmanship and good morals to rob by taxation 70,000,000 of toilers for the benefit of less than 2,000,000 of favored recipients.

The republican economic theory now in operation is based upon the startling principle that the sure way to prosperity is along the highway of high taxation. Nothing can be more monstrous and more false.

Raleigh has not had a case of typhoid

## LIFE'S BRIGHT SIDE.

THREE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE CURE OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION

Rev. Dr. Talmage Preaches a Sermon of Business Cheer - Christian Investment. Spiritual Awakening-A Warning-Life's Shipwrecks-Worth of the Soul

This discourse of Dr. Talmage shows how all may help in the restoration of good times, and is most appropriate. Text, Lamentations iii, 39, "Wherefore doth a living man complain?"

A cheerful interrogatory in the most melancholy book of the Bible! Jeremiah wrote so many sad things that we have a word named after him, and when anything is surchanged with grief and complaint we call it a jeremiad. But in my text Jeremiah, as by numerous than our deserts that he is surprised that anybody should ever find fault. Having life and with it a thousand blessings it ought to hush into perpetual silence everything like criticism of the dealings of God, "Wherefore doth a living man complain?"

While everything in our national finances is brightening, for the last few there a cheerful soloist, but the grand chorus has been one of lamentation, accompanied by dirges over protracted commerce silent manufactories unemployed mechanism, and all those disorders described by the two short words "hard times." The fact is that we have been paying for the bloody luxury of war more than 30 years ago. There were great national differences, and we had not enough Christian character to settle them by arbitration and treaty, life and treasure and well nigh swamping the national finances, and north and south, east and west, have ever since been paying for those four years' indulgence in barbarism.

But the time has come when this depression ought to end-yea, when it will end if the people are willing to do two or three things by way of finanas congress must join in the work of recuperation. The best political economists tell us that there is no good reason for continued prostration. Plenty of money awaiting investment. The national health with never so strong an arm or so clear a brain. Yet we go on groaning, groaning, groaning, as though God had put this nation upon gruel and allowed us but one decent breakfast in six months. The fact is the habit of complaining has became chronic in this country and after all these years of whimper and wailing and objurgation we are under such a momentum of

snivel that we cannot stop. A PLEA FOR CHEERFULNESS. There are three prescriptions by which I believe that our individual and present depression. The first is cheerful conversation and behavior. I have noticed that the people who are most vociferous against the day in which we live are those who are in comfortable effects of cigarette indulgence. Among circumstances. I have made inquiry of those persons who are violent in their jeremiads against these times, and I have asked them, "Now, after all, are you not making a living?" After some their throats three or four times they sáy stammeringly, "Y-e-s." So that with a great multitude of people it is not a qustion of getting a livelihood. but they are dissatisfied because they cannot make as much money as they would like to make. They have only \$2,000 in the bank, where they would therefore, that the real danger of cig- like to have \$4,000. They can clear in a year only \$5,000, when they would like down under the wave with everything. this country as in the days of Jonathan to clear \$10,000, or things come out just I want to consecrate my property and even. Or in their trade they get \$3 a all to Cod." And so he was baptized. day when they wish they could make the blood, which brings about cardiac \$4 or \$5. "Oh," says some one, "are inhibition, or heart paralysis. In an you not aware of the fact that there is a great population out of employment, and there are hundreds of the good families of this country who are at their wits' end, not knowing which way disorders of digestion, and ultimately to turn?" Yes, I know it better than any man in private life can know that sad fact, for it comes constantly to my eye and ear, but who is responsible for there and then he took out his checkthis state of things?

Much of that responsibility I put upon men in comfortable circumstances who by an everlasting growling keep public confidence depressed and new enterprises from starting out and new houses from being built. You know very well that one despondent man can cheerful physician can wake up into exhilaration a whole asylum of hypochondriacs. It is no kindness to the poor or the unemployed for you to join spond with a blessing, but if a man sis on worldly success as to let your in this deploration. If you have not the wit and the common sense to think of something cheerful to say, then keep until his selfishness cringes and twists more money you get the better, if it silent. There is no man that can be independent of depressed conversation. The medical journals are ever illustrating it. I was reading of five men who resolved that they would make an experiment and see what they could do in the way of depressing a stout, healthy man, and they resolved to meet | wait. Suddenly in that man's history man indulge in it, it makes me think him at different points in his journey, everything goes wrong. His health the best heaven for him would be an and as he stepped out from his house in fails, or his reason is dethroned, or a everlasting poorhouse. No; there is a the morning in robust health one of the five men met him and said: "Why, you look very sick today. What is the his soul and upon his business. What cannot safisfy the soul, that it cannot matter?" He said: "I am in excellent is the matter? God is punishing him pay for our ferriage across the Jordan health. There is nothing the matter." But, passing down the street, he began to examine his symptoms, and the second of the five men met him and said, individual and national finances is "Why, how bad you do look!" "Well," he replied, "I don't feel very well." After awhile the third man met him, and the fourth man met him, and the fifth man came up and said: "Why. you look as if you had had the typhoid fever for six weeks. What is the matter with you?" And the man against whom the stratagem had been laid went home and died. And if you meet a man with perpetual talk about hard on a dollar goes to par, and the opening times and bankruptcy and dreadful of a new street doubles the value of his winters, that are to come you break! house, or in any way of a million God down his courage. A few autumns ago, blesses him. as the winter was coming on, people said: "We shall have a terrible winter The poor will be frozen out this winter." There was something in the large store of acorns that the squarrels had gathered and something in the phases

there were more large hearted charities on this subject, and as you are a part stupendous spectacle. But that ship than ever before poured out on the country, better provision made for the poor. So that there have been scores of winters when the poor had a harder time than they did last winter. Weather prophets say we will have frosts this summer which will kill the harvests. Now, let me tell you, you have lied twice about the weather, and I believe you are lying this time. .

say we shall have communistic outrages in this country such as they had lump." And you give it to him, and he in France. I do not believe it. The starts off. In two or three years he does attempt a cutthroat expedition they will land in Sing Sing or from the gal- But did not God supply for us in the United States for one week will talk cheerfully, I will open all the manufac- give enough to do you any good and ! tories, I will give employment to all the , when some cause of Christianity, some unoccupied men and women, I will make 'missionary society or Bible society or to the poorhouse and the penitentiary And there never was a more significant and I will spread a plentiful table from figure of speech than that used in comshall carol and thunder with national jubilee. But save some one, "I will take that contract, but we can't affect the whole nation." My hearers and the influence would be instantaneous the day of your death unless you swing and widespread? The effect would be out into larger generosities. felt around the world. For God's sake and for the sake of the poor and for the sake of the employed quit growling. Depend upon it, if you men in comfortable circustances do not stop complaining, God will blast your harvests give you something to complain about. Mark that!

### THE BEST INVESTMENT.

The second prescription for the alle-

viation of financial distresses is proper Christian investment. God demands of every individual state and nation a certain proportion of their income. We are parismonious. We keep back from God that which belongs to him, and when we keep back anything from God he takes what we keep back, and he takes more. He takes it by storm, by sickness, by bankruptcy, by any one of the 10,000 ways which he can employ. The reason many of you are cramped in business is because you have never osity. You employ an agent. You give national finances may be cured of their him a reasonable salary, and, lo, you find out that he is appropriating your funds, besides the salary. What do you moneys. Part is to be ours, part is to be his. Suppose we take all, what then? He will discharge us. He will turn us over to financial disasters and take the trust away from us. The reason that great multitudes are not prospered in been withholding from God that which belongs to him. The rule is, give and you will receive, administer liberally and you shall have more to administer. I am in full sympathy with the man who was to be baptized by immersion, and some one said, "You had better leave your pocketbook out; it will get wet." "No," said he; "I want to go What we want in this country is more as in the days of Dr. Griffin of Boston, baptized pocketbooks.

seemed to be failing. Here a loss, and there a loss, and everything was bothering, preplexing and annoying him. He sat down one day and said: "God must have a controversy with me about something. I believe I haven't given enough to the cause of Christ." And book and wrote a large check for a missionary society. He told me: "That was the turning point in my business. Ever since then I have been prosperous. From that very day-aye, from that very hour-I saw the change."

And, sure enough, he went on, and he a spiritual vacation the land would gathered a fortune. The only safe investment that a man we have never dreamed of. Godliness can make in this world is in the cause is profitable for the life that now is as of Christ. If a man gives from a super- well as for that which is to come. But, abundance, God may or he may not re- my friends, do not put so much emphagives until he fells it, if a man gies un- eternal affairs go at loose ends. I have til it fetches the blood, if a man give nothing to say against money. The and cowers under it, he will get not comes honestly and goes usefully. For only spiritual profit, but he will get the lack of it sickness dies without paid back in hard cash or in convertible medicine, and hunger finds its coffin in securities. We often see men who are an empty bread tray, and nakedness tight fisted who seem get along with shivers for clothes and fire. All this their investments very profitably, not- canting tirade against money as though withstanding all their parsimony. But it had no practical use, when I hear a domestic curse smites him, or a midnight shadow of some kind drops upon for his small heartedness. He tried to of death, that it cannot unlock the gate cheat God, and God worsted him. So of heaven for our immortal soul. that one of the recipes for the cure of more generosity. Where you bestowed \$1 on the cause of Christ give \$2. God loves to be trusted, and he is very apt to trust back again. He says: money. He shall have more money to handle." And, very soon the property that was on the market for a great while gets a purchaser, and the bond that was not worth more than 50 cents

CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY. Sure enough, it was a cold winter, but and Christendom is to be reconstructed of God on the waves. Oh, it was a

of Christendom let the work begin in did not go down without a struggle. your own soul. "But," says some one, The passengers stood in long lines tryhave been generous and I have been toil tugged until their hands were blislosing money for ten years." Then God | tered and their muscles were strained. prepaid you, that is all.

made in other days? You say to your son, "Now I will give you \$500 every year as long as you live." After awhile Some people are so overborne with you say, "Well, my son, you prove parallel does not run. They have no not complain against you: "Father is Sabbath, no Bible, no God in France. not taking care of me. I ought to have We have all these defenses for our \$500 a year." You prepaid your son, American people, and public opinion is and he does not complain. There are such that if the people in this country thousands of us now who can this year get just enough to supply our wants. make a contract. If the people of the Christian charities. There is not more than one out of 300 of you who ever a lively market for your real estate church organization, comes along and stop the long processions on the way say? You say, "I have been bled." Maine to California and from Oregon mon parlance. Yes, you have been bled, to Sandy Hook, and the whole land and you are spiritually emaciated, when if you had been courageous enough to go through your property and say, "That belongs to God, and this belongs to God, and the other thing belongs to readers, representing as you do all pro- God," and no more dared to approprifessions, all trades and all occupations, ate it to your own use than something if you should resolve never again to ut- that belonged to your neighbor, instead ter a dolorous word about the money of being bled to death by charities you markets, but by manner and by voice would have been reinvigorated and reand by wit and caricature and, above cuperated and built up for time and all, by faith in God to try to scatter for eternity. God will keep many of this national gloom, do you not believe you cramped in money matters until

### A GREAT PROMISE.

People quote as a joke what is divine promise, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it will return to thee after many days." What did God mean and see how you will get along without by that? There is an allusion there. In a corn crop, and he will sweep you with Egypt when they sow the corn it is at floods, and he will devour you with a time when the Nile is overflowing its ernment armor plant. Two members grasshoppers, and he will burn your. banks, and they sow the seed corn on of the board have been selected-Comcity. If you men in comfortable circum- the waters, and as the Nile begins to stances keep on complaining, God will recede this seed corn strikes in the earth and comes up a harvest, and that is the allusion. It seems as if they are throwing the corn away on the waters, but after awhile they gather it up in a harvest. Now says God in his word, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it shall come back to thee after many subject or armor. The field of work of days." It may seem to you that you are throwing it away on charities, but it will yield a harvest of green and gold -a harvest on earth and a harvest in heaven. If men could appreciate that and act on that, we would have no more trouble about individual or na-

tional finances. Prescription the third, for the cure of all our individual and national financial distresses, a great spiritual awaklearned the lesson of Christian gener- ening. It is no mere theory. The merchants of this country were positively demented with the monetary excitement in 1857. There never before nor since has been such a state of financdo? Discharge him. Well, we are God's cial depression as there was at that agents. He puts in our hands certain time. A revival came, and 500,000 people were born into the kinglom of God What came after the revival? The grandest financial prosperity we have ever had in this country. The finest fortunes, the largest fortunes in the United States, have been made since hesitation and coughing and clearing business is simply because they have 1857. "Well," you say, "what has spiritual improvement and revival to do with monetary improvement and revival?" Much to do. The religion of Jesus Christ has a direct tendency to make men honest and sober and truth telling, and are not honesty and sobriety and truth telling auxiliaries of material prosperity?

If we could have an awakening in Edwards of Northampton, as in the days of Dr. Finley of Basking Ridge, the whole land would rouse to a higher I had a relative whose business moral tone, and with that moral tone the honest business enterprise of the country would come up. You say a great awakening has an influence upon the future world. I tell you it has a direct influence upon the financial welfare of this world. The religion of Christ is no foe to successful business. It is its best friend. And if there should come a great awakening in this country, and all the banks and insurance companies and stores and offices and shops should close up for two weeks and do nothing but attend to the public worship of almighty God, after such wake up to such financial prosperity as practical use in money, but while we admit that we must also admit that it

SHIPWRECK.

Yet there are men who act as though packs of bonds and mortgages could be traded off for a mansion in heaven, and as though gold were a legal tender in "That man knows how to handle that land where it is so common that they make pavements out of it. Salvation by Christ is the only salvation. Treasures in heaven are the only incorruptible treasures. Have you ever ciphered out that sum in loss and gain. "What shall it profit a man if he gain, the whole world and lose his soul?" You may wear fine apparel now, but the winds of death will flutter it like rags. Homespun and a threadbare coat have sometimes been the shadow of Once the man finds out that secret robes white in the blood of the Lamb, and he goes on to fortune. There are All the mines of Australia and Brazil. men whom I have known who for ten strung in one carcanet, are not worth years have been trying to pay God to you as much as the pearl of great of the moon and something in other \$1,000. They have never been able to price. You remember, I suppose, some portents that made you certain we were get it paid, for just as they were taking years ago, the shipwreck of the Central going to have a hard winter. Winter out from one fold of their pocketbook a America? A storm came on that vessel. came. It was the mildest one within bill mysteriously somehow in some The surges tramped the deck and my memory and within yours. All that other fold of their pocketbook there swept down through the hatches, and winter long I do not think there was came a larger bill. You tell me that there went up a hundred voiced death an icicle that hung through the day Christian generosity pays in the world shriek. The foam on the jaw of the from the eaves of the house. So you to come. I tell you it pays now, pays wave. The pitching of the stearner, as prophesied falsely. Last winter was in hard cash, pays in government so- though it would leap a mountain. The coming, and the people said: "We shall curities. You do not believe it? Ah, glare of the signal rockets. The long have unparalleled suffering among the that is what keeps you back. I knew cough of the steam pipes. 'The hiss of poor. It will be a dreadful winter." you did not believe it. The whole world extinguishing furnaces. The walking

"I don't believe that theory, because I ing to bail it out, and men unused to After awhile a sail came in sight. A What became of the money that you few passengers got off, but the most went down. The ship gave one lurch and was lost.

So there are men who go on in lifea fine voyage they are making out of it. the dolorousness of the times that they yourself so worthy of my confidence I All is well till some euroclydon of busiwill just give you \$20,000 in a single ness disaster comes upon them, and they go down. The bottom of this commercial sea is strewn with the shattered hulks. But because your property goes shall your soul go? Oh, no. There is coming a more stupendous shipwreck after awhile. This world-God launched it 6,000 years ago, and it is sailing on, but one day it wift stagger at the cry of "Fire!" and theftimbers of the rocks lows go up on tight rope. I do not be- past and has he not again and again | will burn, and the mountains flame like lieve the people of this country will and again paid us in advance? In other ! masts, and the clouds like sails in the ever commit outrages and riot and words, trusted you all along-trusted judgment hurricane. God will take a murder for the sake of getting bread. you more than you had a right to ask? | good many off the deck, and others out But all this lugubrosity of tone and Strike, then, a balance for God. Econo- i of the berths, where they are now sleepface keeps people down. Now I will mize in anything rather than in your ing in Jesus. How many shall go down? No one will know until it is announced in heaven one day: "Shipwreck of a world! So many millions saved! So many millions drowned!" Because your fortunes go, because your house goes, because all your earthly possessions go, that is eating you up with taxes, I will gets anything from you what do you do not let your soul go. May the Lord Almighty, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, save your souls!

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A Government Armor Plate Factory Washington, July 28.-Secretary Long has taken the preliminary steps toward the creation of a board of naval officers to ascertain the cost of a govmodore Howell, commandant at the League Island navy yard, and Captain McCormick, of the Norfolk navy yard, Both of these officers are possessed of much technical knowledge and may be said to rank high as experts upon the the board will be extensive; they must not only ascertain the cost of a modern armor plant, but must also take into account the propriety or rather the necessity of establishing in connection with it a complete plant for the production of steel ingots-a very large undertaking. The experts are of the opinion now that it is probably necessary in making armor to begin with the ingot at the very moment it is forged and before it has cooled once. This is done in the best process, and if it should be held to be absolutely necessary, the government will be obliged to establish a steel plant along side its armor plant if it embarks in the business of armor making. The board is to report to congress at its

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